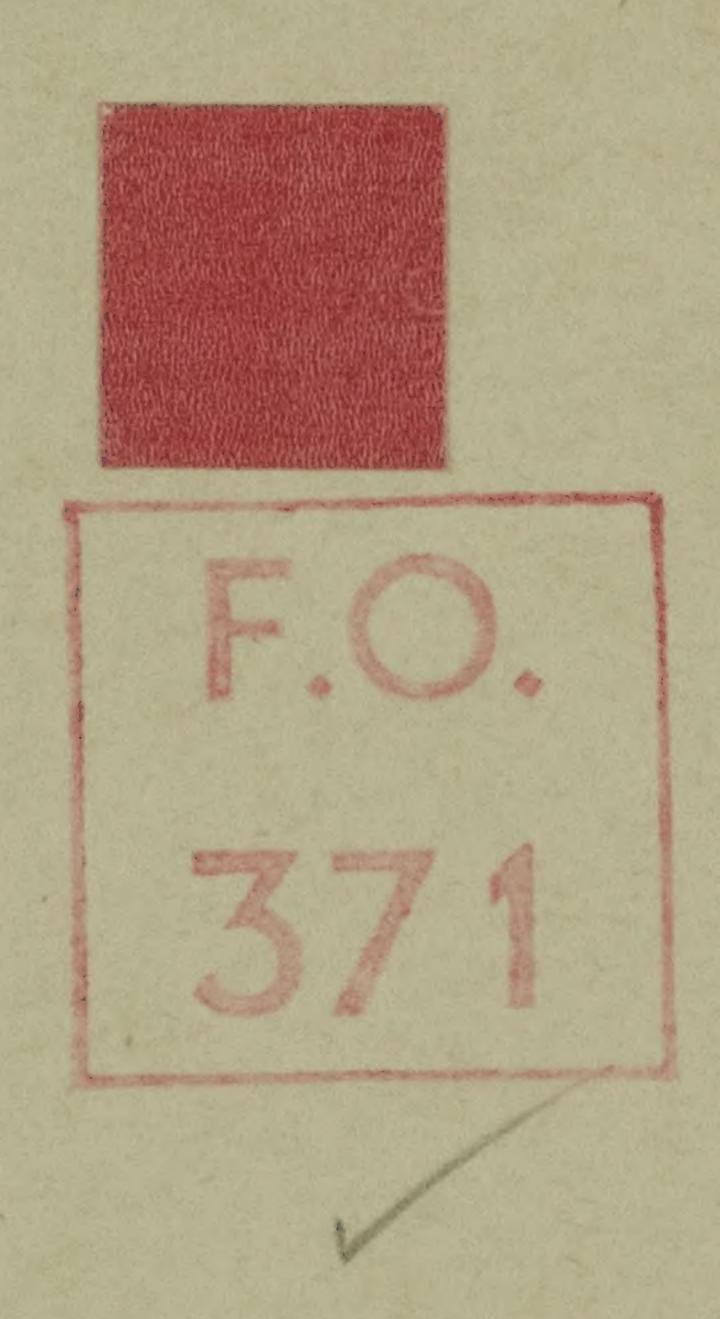
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Dated 29th March, 1945.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

April 1945.

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from
Western Department

Dear Chancery,

In paragraph 3 of your despatch No.6.

(669/3/44) of 4th January about the repatriation
of Italians from Eritrea you told us that Signor
Prunas had mentioned the question of the return to
Tripolitania of Italian refugees at present in
Italy.

This matter has now been raised by the Counsellor to the Office of the Italian Representative in London who has communicated to us a memorandum of which a copy is enclosed herein, at the same time indicating that discussions on the subject have been proceeding for some time between the Italian authorities and the Allied Commission.

The return of Italians to Tripolitania would, of course, seriously pre-judge the future of that territory, quite apart from the practical difficulties which would be caused to our military administration, and the War Office will have none of it. No doubt the Allied Commission had these considerations very much in their minds in their discussions with the Italian authorities.

Would you please explain to the Italian
Government that there can at present be no
question of the return of large numbers of
Italians to Tripolitania? We shall tell Signor
Migone that the Italian Government are being
informed of the position.

Yours ever,
Western Department.

At the end of our conversation yesterday Signor Migone said that there was one other question which he wished to mention to me and that wes a matter which had been under discussion for some time between the Italian authorities and the Allied Commission in Rome concerning the return to North Africa of some ten or twelve thousand Italian subjects formerly resident in Libya who had been evacuated to Italy during the war. The continued presence of these refugees in Italy was a source of continual embarrassment to the Italian authorities and their return to North Africa was desired. -

Signor Migone said that he would send me a note on the subject, and would be very grateful for any assistance that we could give in having this matter settled to the Italian Government's satisfaction at an early date.

Signor Migone has now sent me the attached note. We had better have the matter looked into and see if there is any action that we can properly take. It struck me at the time, though I did not say so to Signor Migone, that the idea of returning these Italian nationals to Libya seemed rather to beg the question of that part of the world and to imply that it was of necessity to be returned to Italy. Presumably, however, the Allied Commission in their discussions with the Italians on this subject have had this point in mind.

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R. Rappresentanza Italiana
14, Three Kings Yard
Davies Street
London, W.1

29th March, 1945

Dear hiellar,

With reference to this morning's interview, I am sending you herewith a brief memorandum that, to my mind, brings out the main points of our conversation on the subject of Italian refugees from Libya.

As I told you, anything that the British Government could do to enable them to return to their homes in North Africa would be much welcomed as their present condition is truly disquieting.

Best wishes for Easter and kindest regards,

Fours very sincerely

B. hugone

Frederick R. Hoyer Millar, Esq., Chief of Western and German Division Foreign Office, S.W.1.

MEMORANDUM

There are at present in Italy about 12,000 Italian refugees from Libya, amongst whom many children, who have urged the Italian Government to be authorized to return to their families, to their homes and to their normal occupations in North Africa.

The Allied Commission has been repeatedly approached on the subject but up to now with little result.

The Allied Authorities have so far authorized the return to Libya of a small number of Greek and Maltese residents, but they would only be prepared to take into consideration a few specific and most urgent cases of Italian refugees in view of the shipping and supply difficulties involved in their transportation.

The fact is that the greatest majority of these people are now utterly destitute while their only wish is to be enabled to return to where they have been living for years and where they would be economically indipendent; it is also to be enphasized that there are many children amongst them whose craving to be reunited with their families is well understandable.

As to the transportation of the persons involved should their return to Libya be authorized, the Italian Government would endeavour to utilize one of the Naval crafts the High Commissioner for Displaced Persons has at his disposal.

London, 29th March, 1945.

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Yours ever, Western Department.

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R. Rappresentanza Italiana 14, Three Kings Yard Davies Street London, W.1

May 15th 1945

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Allow me to call your attention to my letter of March 29th N°.1179 whereby I transmitted a Memorandum on the situation of about 12,000 refugees from Libya at present in Italy, who are anxiously waiting to return to their homes.

I wonder if by now you would be in a position to let me know if a decision has been reached on the matter?

As I have already told you, out High Commissioner for Displaced Persons would have the necessary means of transportation and I believe all that is lacking is the Allied consent.

It is needless to stress that while all the refugees are in a difficult economic situation, the condition of those, amongst whom many children, who are dependent on their families residing in libya is particularly poignant because should their return be authorised, it would mean an immediate improvement in their position.

Frederick R. Hoyer Millar, Esq., Mus Suicerely Foreign Office,
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